

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Being a senior citizen our cell phone is a link for medical emergencies in the event we can not get to a phone because of a fall, we are outside or just away from home. At greatly reduced incomes that force us to make choices such as buying food, purchasing needed expensive medications or just having heat in the cold weather. Should you implement your flat fee proposal you will make a valuable affordable link out of reach to senior citizens. Every one might just as well commit suicide on the day they retire.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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